GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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CRIMINALS TAKING ASYLUM
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are people hiding in India after committing crimes in Gulf countries and having escaped from the clutches of legal action in those countries;

(b) if so, whether the Governments of these Gulf countries have requested the Union Government to send these Indians back to the respective countries for undergoing trial there;

(c) if so, the details in this regard; and

(d) the action taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) & (d) India has signed Extradition Treaties with four out of six Gulf countries viz., UAE, Kuwait, Bahrain and Oman. Of these, Extradition Treaty with UAE only is in force, while internal procedure for ratification of other three treaties is yet to be completed. Extradition of Indian nationals is not possible under the Extradition Treaty in force in UAE. However, the trial of the individual is possible in India on the basis of case file, material and other evidence required for prosecution. In such cases, the countries concerned are requested to provide the required information.